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DEPT PASS USLO PEKING IF DESIRABLE

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TAGS: PFOR CH AO CU GY

SUBJ: CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA: CUBAN USE OF GUYANESE

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1. DEPT AND USLO PEKING MAY BE INTERESTED IN CONVERSATION I HAD AT OFFICIAL FUNCTION EVENING DEC 19 WITH CHINESE AMBASSADOR WANG CHAN-YUAN. AFTER GREETING ME AS USUAL THROUGH INTERPRETER, WANG ALMOST IMMEDIATELY ASKED IF I HAD NOTED ACTION BY GOVTS OF BARBADOS AND TRINIDAD TO DENY USE OF TRANSIT FACILITIES FOR CUBAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT. I SAID I HAD SEEN REPORTS IN QUESTION. WANG THEN ASKED IF TO MY KNOWLEDGE CUBANS HAD APPROACHED GOG. WITHOUT DISCLOSING MY CONVERSATION THAT MORNING WITH GOG FONMIN WILLS, I SAID QUOTE TO MY KNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE NOT UNQUOTE AND THEN TURNED THE TABLES BY ASKING WANG WHAT HE THOUGHT GOG'S REPLY WOULD BE IN EVENT CUBANS SHOULD REQUEST PERMISSION. WANG SAID HE THOUGHT CUBANS WOULD BE TURNED DOWN. I ASKED IF THIS WAS OFFICIAL WORD OR SUPPOSITION ON HIS PART. HE REPLIED QUOTE SUPPOSITION UNQUOTE. I CONCLUDED THIS EXCHANGE BY SAYING I SHARED HIS SUPPOSITION.

2. IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE OF COURSE THAT WANG

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HAD ALREADY MADE INQUIRY TO GOG SIMILAR TO MINE.

IT WOULD BE WELL FOR USLO PEKING TO POUCH
ITS INQUIRY IN LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR POSSIBILITY
THAT PRC EMBASSY HERE HAS ALREADY MADE AN
INQUIRY ON DIRECTION FROM PEKING.
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